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Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-8. (CANCEL)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of treating a periodontal disease, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a viscous preparation for dental use which comprises basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) as an effective ingredient and further hydroxypropyl cellulose as a thickener.

10-11. (CANCEL)

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9, wherein the periodontal disease is periodontosis.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9, wherein bFGF comprises 0.0001 to 20% by weight of the total weight of the preparation.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 9, wherein bFGF comprises 0.0001 to 20% by weight of the total weight of the preparation.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[10]]~~ 9, wherein the periodontal disease is periodontosis.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 15, wherein bFGF comprises 0.0001 to 20% by weight of the total weight of the preparation.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9, wherein the periodontal disease is selected from the group consisting of repair of periodontium after tooth extraction, repair of periodontium after removal of a cyst, repair of periodontium after removal of an oral cavity